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In re Application of:) Patent Application

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Serial No.: 09/758,830) Group Art Unit: 1724

Filing Date: January 11, 2001) Examiner: I. Cintans

Title: CONTROLLER FOR SALT) Confirmation No.: 8534

DOSAGE FOR A WATER)

SOFTENER AND METHOD OF)

REGENERATING A WATER)

SOFTENER)

Customer No.: 28465

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith, for filing, are the following:

1. Notification of Extension of Time;
2. Check in the amount of 420.00 (2 month extension fee); and
3. Return postcard acknowledging receipt.

A Divisional Application claiming priority to the captioned application was filed today, January 13, 2004.

An Office Action for this matter was mailed on August 13, 2003.

Applicant(s): Jeffrey A. ZIMMERMAN et al.

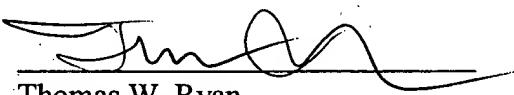
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The Applicants attach a Notification of Extension of Time to Respond to the outstanding Office Action. The Notification is being filed so as to maintain the co-pendency of the captioned application for the above noted Divisional Application. However, the subject parent application is to be abandoned subsequent to maintaining the noted co-pendency.

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